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TO TURKISH INITIATIVE

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1. GOC OFFICIALS AND GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CONTINUED
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OVER WEEKEND TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH PROPOSALS
BEING PREPARED BY TURKISH SIDE AS REPORTED IN TURKISH
PRESS. GOC SPOKESMAN STATED ON BACKGROUND JAN 21 THAT
IF PRESS REPORTS ON PROPOSALS REFLECTED TURKISH INTENTIONS,
"THERE IS NO OPTIMISM FOR ANY PROGRESS" AND THAT "FOR
ANY PROGRESS TO BE MADE THE PROPOSALS MUST BE REASONABLE
AND NEGOTIABLE." PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, IN MESSAGE TO

DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY JAN 22, SAID IF
TURKISH PRESS REPORTS REPRESENT TRUE INTENTIONS OF
TURKISH GOVERNMENT, NO OPTIMISM IS JUSTIFIED. SPEAKING
AT SAME CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MICHAELIDES SAID "WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN IS NOT THE
MERE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS, ANY PROPOSALS, BUT OF
PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS SUBSTANTIVE
AND LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM, A JUST AND
VIABLE SOLUTION."

2. GREEK NEWSPAPERS ACROSS COMPLETE POLITICAL SPECTRUM
CONTINUED TO DISPARAGE PROPOSALS REPORTEDLY BEING
PREPARED BY TURKISH SIDE. JAN 22 MASS CIRCULATION
PHILELETHEROS COMMENTED THAT IT WAS EVIDENT FROM
NEWS REPORTS THA TURKISH SIDE WAS RENEGING ON PROMISES
MADE BY ECEVIT TO UNSYG WALDHEIM. SOCIALIST TA NEA
SAID GREEK SIDE WOULD NOT ACCEPT RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS
BASED ON REPORTED TURKISH PROPOSALS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI,
CALLED DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT TANTAMOUNT TO DISSOLUTION OF THE LAWFUL
CYPRUS STATE. PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEFThERI KYPROS SAID
THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM
WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY LIFTING THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO
ON TURKEY.

3. RIGHT-WING PAPER AHTHIA AND SIMERINI, WHILE SHARING
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SUSPICION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS, ALSO WARN AGAINST
PEREMPTORY REFUSAL OF TURKISH PROPOSALS LEST GOC BE
PICTURED AS INTRANSIGENT PARTY.
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